



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 21-2789, Agenda Item #: 27.**

**9/2/2021**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements to enhance and support local HIV-related prevention services for an initial 12-month term, with three optional 12-month extensions, with the following subrecipient-providers: Central Texas Community Health Center in an amount not to exceed \$85,209 for the initial term and each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$340,836; and AIDS Healthcare Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$96,086 for the initial term and each extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$384,344.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$181,295 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. The Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments grant contract period is August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 7, 2020 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of contracts for funding of HIV social services with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$118,368 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020; Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care in an amount not to exceed \$7,260 for a 12-month term beginning April 1, 2020, on an 11-0 vote.

August 23, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of amendments to contracts to increase funding for HIV social services with the following providers: AIDS Services of Austin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$85,939 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$239,112 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,166,196; Central Texas Community Health Centers d/b/a Community Care in an amount not to exceed \$82,466 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2018 and \$256,341 for a 12-month term beginning March 1, 2019, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$5,636,327, on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair abstaining.

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The funding for these contracts is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention via the Texas Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 starting August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, to support the development and implementation of programs tailored to ending the HIV epidemic in America. The proposed agreements are a result of a competitive solicitation.

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Recent scientific advances in HIV prevention and treatment have made ending the HIV epidemic in America a realistic possibility. Under the leadership of President Trump, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (also known as HHS) has set an ambitious goal of reducing all new HIV infections by 75% in five years and by 90% by 2030. Reaching this target requires a coordinated national effort that will focus first on the 50 most affected U.S. jurisdictions, 48 counties, Washington, DC, and San Juan, PR, as well as seven states.

The contract funding for the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" initiative will enhance and support local HIV prevention services.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.